



This report, updated monthly, is designed to provide you with a summary of active NHTSA Defect Investigations. The investigations listed below are grouped according to type of investigation ([Preliminary Evaluation](#), [Engineering Analysis](#), [Recall Query](#), and [Defect/Recall Petition](#)) and identify the products under investigation, the alleged problem, and the investigation status. For up-to-date details on specific investigations, you can enter its Action # in the Quick Search box at: <http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems/defect/defectsearch.cfm>

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## March 2008

| MONTHLY DEFECT INVESTIGATION REPORT<br>ENGINEERING ANALYSIS |  |   |             |             |
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| Action#   | MMY  | Subject                                   | Date Opened | Date Closed |
| EA06-020  | 2004-2005 TOYOTA SIENNA WITH POWER REAR DOOR                   | UNEXPECTED CLOSING OF POWER LIFTGATE      | 01-DEC-2006 |             |
| EA07-005  | 2005-2007 NISSAN 350Z  | WHEEL FAILURE                             | 03-APR-2007 |             |
| EA07-007  | 2006-2007 JEEP COMMANDER                                       | ENGINE STALL                              | 27-APR-2007 |             |
| EA07-008  | 1999-2002 BUICK, OLDSMOBILE, AND PONTIAC W/ SUPERCHARGED V6    | ENGINE COMPARTMENT FIRE                   | 12-JUN-2007 |             |
| EA07-009  | 2002-2003 TRAILBLAZER, EXT, GMC ENVOY, XL, XUV                 | FUEL PUMP MODULE LEAKS GASOLINE           | 10-JUL-2007 |             |
| EA07-011  | MY 2002 - 2003 MINI COOPER                                     | ENGINE COMPARTMENT FIRE                   | 14-AUG-2007 |             |
| EA07-012  | MY 2003- 2005 LAND ROVER, RANGE ROVER                          | FRONT DIFFERENTIAL/<br>DRIVESHAFT FAILURE | 14-AUG-2007 |             |
| EA07-013  | MY 2002 C/K 2500 SUBURBAN/YUKON/SILVERADO/SIERRA/<br>AVALANCHE | TRAILER HITCH RECEIVER FAILURE            | 14-SEP-2007 |             |
| EA07-014  | 2000-2003 VOLKSWAGEN PASSAT                                    | PASSENGER/ENGINE COMPARTMENT FIRES        | 28-SEP-2007 |             |

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| EA07-015 | 2003 CHEVROLET CAVALIER                                      | ENGINE STALLING - FUEL PUMP FAILURE | 01-NOV-2007 |             |
| EA07-016 | 2000-2005 WORKHORSE CHASSIS BUILT WITH BOSH BRAKE CALIPERS   | OVERHEATED BRAKE CALIPERS           | 16-NOV-2007 |             |
| EA07-017 | 2004-2006 CADILLAC CTS-V                                     | REAR DRIVETRAIN COMPONENT FAILURE   | 07-DEC-2007 |             |
| EA07-018 | 2003 LAND ROVER FREELANDER                                   | FUEL PUMP FAILURE - STALL           | 07-DEC-2007 |             |
| EA07-019 | 2005-2007 GENERAL MOTORS MINIVANS                            | POWER SLIDING DOOR OPENING          | 11-DEC-2007 |             |
| EA08-001 | 2004 - 2006 BMW 5, 7, X3 & Z4 AND 2006 3, 6 & X5 VEHICLES    | BMW AIRBAG LIGHT ILLUMINATION       | 04-JAN-2008 |             |
| EA08-002 | 2001-04 WINNEBAGO RIALTA,VISTA; 02-04 SUNSTAR, 01-03 EUROVAN | ENGINE COOLING FAN BLADE FRACTURE   | 04-JAN-2008 | 14-MAR-2008 |
| EA08-003 | SEVAS S-10 AFTERMARKET WHEELS                                | SEVAS S-10 AFTERMARKET WHEELS       | 23-JAN-2008 |             |
| EA08-004 | 2003-2004 PONTIAC VIBE, TOYOTA COROLLA AND TOYOTA MATRIX     | SIDE FRONT POWER WINDOW SHATTERS    | 05-FEB-2008 |             |
| EA08-005 | 2004-2005 CHEVROLET AVEO                                     | STUCK THROTTLE VALVE                | 14-FEB-2008 |             |
| EA08-006 | 2007 CHRYSLER PACIFICA WITH 4.0L ENGINE                      | ENGINE COMPARTMENT FIRE             | 21-FEB-2008 |             |
| EA08-007 | 2005-2007 F-250 & F-350 SUPER DUTY 4X4 VEHICLES              | VIOLENT FRONT END OSCILLATION       | 14-MAR-2008 |             |

| MONTHLY DEFECT INVESTIGATION REPORT<br>PRELIMINARY EVALUATIONS |   |                                       |             |             |
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| Action#  | MMY   | Subject                               | Date Opened | Date Closed |
| PE07-054   | 2000-2008 C2,FS65,MVP-ER,EF. HDX, MINOTOUR,SAF-T-LINER C2 | EMERGENCY DOOR HANDLE FAILURE         | 09-NOV-2007 | 04-MAR-2008 |
| PE07-055   | 1998 - 1999 MODEL YEAR FLEETWOOD BOUNDER                  | GASOLINE SUPPLY LINE TO GEN'R SEEPAGE | 14-NOV-2007 | 14-MAR-2008 |
| PE07-057   | 2005-2007 F-250 & F-350 SUPER DUTY 4X4 VEHICLES           | VIOLENT FRONT END OSCILLATION         | 15-NOV-2007 | 14-MAR-2008 |
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| PE07-058 | 2005 FORD FIVE HUNDRED AND FREESTYLE                       | INSTRUMENT CLUSTER FAILURE         | 16-NOV-2007 | 11-MAR-2008 |
| PE07-059 | 2001 APRILIA SCARABEO MOTORSCOOTERS                        | MOTORCYCLE STALLING                | 27-NOV-2007 | 26-MAR-2008 |
| PE07-060 | 2004 ACURA TL  | WINDSHIELD WIPER MOTOR FAILURE     | 29-NOV-2007 | 05-MAR-2008 |
| PE07-061 | 2005 MODEL YEAR NEWMAR MOTOR HOMES                         | LIFT ASSISSTED CARGO DOORS         | 30-NOV-2007 | 24-MAR-2008 |
| PE07-062 | 2002 AND 2003 JEEP LIBERTY 4X4                             | UPPER BALL JOINT SEPARATION        | 17-DEC-2007 |             |
| PE08-001 | 2005 FORD F-150 EQUIPPED WITH 5.4L V8 ENGINE               | LOSS OF BRAKE POWER ASSIST         | 08-JAN-2008 |             |
| PE08-002 | 2002 MERCEDES ML500/ML55 AMG WITH V-8 ENGINE               | BRAKE LINE RUPTURE                 | 10-JAN-2008 |             |
| PE08-003 | 2005-2007 C2045 VAN HOOL BUSES                             | ALTERNATOR B+ CABLE RETENTION      | 23-JAN-2008 | 26-MAR-2008 |
| PE08-004 | 2004-2005 NISSAN ARMADA AND QUEST                          | SIDE AIR BAG NON-DEPLOYMENT        | 25-JAN-2008 |             |
| PE08-005 | 2006-2007 SAAB 9-3 AERO EQUIPPED WITH 2.8L V6 TURBO ENGINE | LOSS OF BRAKE POWER ASSIST         | 28-JAN-2008 |             |
| PE08-006 | 2006 MITSUBISHI ENDEAVOR                                   | IGNITION-PARK INTERLOCK            | 29-JAN-2008 |             |
| PE08-007 | MY 2006 LAMBOURGHINI GALLARDO AND GALLARDO SPYDER          | ENGINE COMPARTMENT FIRE            | 29-JAN-2008 |             |
| PE08-008 | 2002-2003 VOLKSWAGEN PASSAT 4MOTION (AWD)                  | FUEL TANK LEAK                     | 31-JAN-2008 |             |
| PE08-009 | 2004 THRU 2005 MY FREIGHTLINER CENTURY AND X-LINE MODELS   | POWER STEERING PUMP FAILURES       | 01-FEB-2008 |             |
| PE08-010 | MY 2007 CHEVY TAHOE, GMC YUKON                             | ENGINE COMPARTMENT FIRE            | 04-FEB-2008 |             |
| PE08-011 | 2006 KENWORTH C500, T2000, T300, T600,T800 AND W900        | TRAILER LIGHT PLUG FAILURE         | 08-FEB-2008 |             |
| PE08-012 | 2003 AND 2004 VW NEW BEETLES                               | FRONT AIR BAG CRASH SENSOR FAILURE | 15-FEB-2008 |             |
| PE08-013 | 2005-2007 DOREL COSCO SCENERA MODEL 22-120                 | DOREL COSCO SCENERA CHILD SEAT     | 27-FEB-2008 |             |

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| PE08-014 | 2002-2003 MITSUBISHI GALANT                                 | FRONT PASSENGER DOOR FIRE            | 04-MAR-2008 |  |
| PE08-015 | 2006 BABY TREND FLEX-LOC                                    | HARNESS ADJUSTER MALFUNCTION         | 05-MAR-2008 |  |
| PE08-016 | MY 2008 PONTIAC SOLSTICE AND SATURN SKY W/<br>TURBO ENGINES | INADEQUATE BRAKE POWER ASSIST        | 06-MAR-2008 |  |
| PE08-017 | 2001 - 2003 HYUNDAI ELANTRA VEHICLES                        | AIR BAG LIGHT ILLUMINATION           | 10-MAR-2008 |  |
| PE08-018 | 2005-7 YAMAHA YP400   | MOTORSCOOTER STALLING                | 18-MAR-2008 |  |
| PE08-019 | APRILIA MODEL YEARS 2006-7 MILLE & TUONO                    | MOTORCYCLE STALLING                  | 18-MAR-2008 |  |
| PE08-020 | MOTO GUZZI NORGE 1200 - MODEL YEAR 2007                     | MOTORCYCLE STALLING                  | 20-MAR-2008 |  |
| PE08-021 | KAWASAKI - MY 2006-07 ZX14                                  | FRAME FRACTURE                       | 24-MAR-2008 |  |
| PE08-022 | RICON S AND K SERIES WHEELCHAIR LIFTS                       | WHEELCHAIR LIFT ARM FRACTURES        | 26-MAR-2008 |  |
| PE08-023 | 2004-2006 C2045, T2140, AND T2145 VAN HOOL BUSES            | WINDSHIELD WIPER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM | 26-MAR-2008 |  |

**MONTHLY DEFECT INVESTIGATION REPORT  
RECALL QUERY**

| Action#  | MMY  | Subject                        | Date Opened | Date Closed |
|----------|--|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| RQ07-003 | 2001-08 MY ACTERRA, FLN & M2 B'CLASS & FS65, FB65, B2 CHASS. | FRONT WHEEL SEPARATION         | 05-DEC-07   | 26-MAR-08   |
| RQ08-001 | 2000-2002 CHEVROLET BLAZER, OLDS BRAVADA, GMC JIMMY, ENVOY   | LOSS OF STOP LAMP ILLUMINATION | 28-FEB-08   |             |
| RQ08-002 | 1998 - 2003 MERCEDES M-CLASS                                 | POWER STEERING HOSE LEAK       | 11-MAR-08   |             |

**MONTHLY DEFECT INVESTIGATION REPORT  
PETITIONS**

| Action#  | MMY  | Subject                              | Date Opened | Date Closed |
|----------|--|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| DP08-001 | MY 2006 AND 2007 TOYOTA TACOMA PICKUP TRUCKS | SUDDEN AND UNCONTROLLED ACCELERATION | 31-JAN-2008 |             |

## Preliminary Evaluation (PE)

Initial phase of a NHTSA investigation, a PE is prompted after a review of consumer complaints and/or manufacturer service bulletins suggest a safety defect may exist. The results of a PE determine whether the investigation will be upgraded to an Engineering Analysis or closed. Most PEs are resolved within four months.

## Engineering Analysis (EA)

Second and final phase of a NHTSA investigation, an EA is undertaken if data from a PE indicate further examination of a potential safety defect is warranted. The results of an EA determine whether a safety recall should be initiated or the investigation should be closed. Most EAs are resolved within one year.

## Recall Query (RQ)

NHTSA monitors recalls to ensure that the scope, completion rate, and remedy are adequate. If recall adequacy comes into question, an RQ is opened to determine if the scope of the recall should be expanded or an adjustment in existing remedies is required.

## Defect or Recall Petition (DP or RP)

NHTSA may be petitioned to investigate an alleged safety defect or whether a manufacturer has successfully carried out the requirements of a recall. If the petition is granted, NHTSA opens an appropriate investigation. If the petition is denied, the reasons for denial are published in the Federal Register.

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